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3) Since this application is in condition for allo	wance except for formal matt	ers, prosecution as to	the merits is
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Disposition of Claims			
4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the applicat 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are without 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) 1-51 are subject to restriction and/	drawn from consideration.		
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for fore a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents. Certified copies of the priority documents. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents. * See the attached detailed Office action for a	ents have been received. ents have been received in A priority documents have been eau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	pplication No received in this Natio	nal Stage
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## Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: The transmissions which use the coil springs (Figs. 5C,10C); the transmissions which use the flat springs (Figs. 13).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1,7,10,16,37 and 38 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over

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the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blair M. Johnson whose telephone number is (703) 308-0526. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (703) 308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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